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Kinmount's First Community Event of 2026

Kinmount's first community event of the year kicked off New Year's Day at the Kinmount Legion. This tradition is a long-standing annual event at Branch 441. Not all legions hold a President's Levee but Kinmount Legion chooses to foster community and good cheer in this way.

The tradition originates from French court rituals where public officials host an open house on New Year's Day. Get ready Kinmount. A multitude of other community events are on the way!



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Christmas in the Village Recap

Kinmount's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting tradition was delightful with an amazing crowd who enjoyed the bonfire, hot chocolate and treats by the Kinmount and District Lions Club, and soup from Feast & Fusion Food Services. Carol singing, Santa Claus, and even a bit of Christmas Line Dancing!

A huge thank you to Ethan, Jen and head tree decorator, Emmett for decorating the tree and Syl for getting the lights in the trees around town and of course Lorraine's Floral Creations for decorating the Main Street.

After all the Christmas fun around town throughout the day on Dec. 6, Christmas Music Night topped off the festivities at Galway Hall with a lot of fun and merriment from the Recycled Teenagers.

The Kinmount Community Volunteer Management Committee (KCVMC) began coordinating Christmas in the Village activities when they stopped hosting an annual Santa Claus Parade.

Thank you to all volunteers, individuals, businesses and organizations who worked merrily together to share Kinmount's Christmas spirit.

This year the Kinny Elf Hunt saw a total of 245 entries. The KCVMC began holding the hunt after the Elf on the Shelf became so popular. The intention was to provide fun for children and the adults who accompanied them while exposing what our organizations and businesses had to offer.

The 2025 Grand Mystery Prize was won by Asher Cussion - A Lego Kit donated by the Committee.

Second Prize Cloe Hartin - A Frozen Activity Colouring Book & Markers

Third Prize Ace Maddin - Large 4 x 6 ft Puzzle,

Both of those prizes were donated by the Butts family.



Outdoor Rinks at Burnt River and Norland



Burnt River Rink is at the Burnt River Community Centre



The Norland Rink is at Ward Park on Hwy 35 north of town

The rinks are both maintained by community volunteers.

The Rink at Burnt River has outdoor lighting. Fundraising is ongoing for outdoor lighting at the Norland Rink.



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Desmond Howard Remembers

Desmond Howard was an admiral and well respected minister at Kinmount United Church for a number of years. He lived just outside of town with his wife Colleen. They both took a great interest in the Kinmount community and attended many celebrations and community events. Their kindness and contributions were appreciated by all.

In December 2021 Desmond wrote these following heartfelt words:

"Long time ago in Richmond Hill,
So our family lore doth say.
Colleen's boy child Charlton, was born on
an April day.
Church bells did not ring, but Angels did
sing.
For the new child born that day.
Our enriched memories live for evermore,
Because of that birthday.

Life supports were withdrawn from that same Charlton Stewart Rennie and he passed quietly in the ICU Ward 504 in Guelph General Hospital at 3.09pm on Monday 27th December 2021 in his 46th year.

Behind that bald statement lies an entangled tale that is and will be teased out into an unbelievably tragic yet wondrous life history and story, yet another chapter in the Dennis/Power/Williams/Moore/Rennie/Howard Biographies.

Sean accompanied me as we made the two and a half hour drive to Guelph at 4.00am on the morning of 27th December to say our Farewell piece to our step-brother/stepson. He had been in Intensive Care following an emergency surgery on Friday night, 17th December. At first he had been kept in an induced coma and was not expected to become conscious for several days. A second unexpected surgery was performed, and he continued in his coma. Later, a nurse spoke of his determination as signs of healing were duly recorded. And so Christmas Eve and Christmas Day came and went while Charlton, now on life sup-

port, lay bound up with his wires and pipes sustaining a fast fading life.

Sean and I entered the dimly lighted ward, with its purring medical equipment and monitors. The coloured lights in varied colours may have been appropriate for the season, but they were not there as decoration. Numbers and graphs moved across the several screens reading off life's vital statistics. As we acclimatised ourselves to this new and strange world, we began to talk aloud to Charlton as he lay there. His chest moved as if he were breathing. We spoke of family members, recalling many memories we had shared together across the years. This was a mini-wake with Sean and I doing all the talking, while Charlton was unusually quiet. As we realized that this was a Good Bye, a GodBe With You moment, I spoke once again the words of the Aaronic Blessing. Sean led in prayer which evolved into a continuing conversation once again before he quoted "And now unto Him....." words of commitment.

He placed his hand on his head. I had my hand on his shoulder. And so we both took our leave of Charlton for a final time., as we backed out of the ward and retraced our steps back to our parked car.
As I left, I took one last look at Charlton, and could only think of Lazarus.

Later that same day, after returning to Bobcaygeon, I again went into Colleen's room in Case Manor. With the vivid memory of the Hospital ICU Ward still very real in my mind, I realized that Colleen too is in an intensive care unit also. There may not have been wires and pipes, neither coloured lights nor monitors. However she can do absolutely nothing for herself, and yet all her life sustaining needs are being met on a daily basis.

So there I was in Guelph, talking to Charlton, deep in a coma. And here I am talking to Colleen in her cloudy cuckooland! Mother and Child indeed.

Just as Sean and I unravelled our memoried time with Charlton across the years, so too that's what I do with Colleen somewhere in time. But isn't it a long old wake? God rest ye merry, mother and child."
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Desmond Howard. December 2021.



Colleen and Desmond Howard in 2020



Rev. Desmond Howard, of Kinmount United Church and Father Tony Bariol of St. Patrick's Catholic Church bless the tree at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in 2009.



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Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441 by Sharna Peters



What an incredible Christmas in the Village!

Thank you, Kinmount, for making Christmas in the Village such a memorable and heartwarming success! From Breakfast with Santa to Santa's special visit downstairs in the afternoon, the day was filled with joy, laughter, and true holiday spirit.

As part of the Royal Canadian Legion's 2026 Centenary Year, membership is offered free for 2026 as part of a national centenary membership promotion, making it the perfect time to join and be part of 100 years of service to Veterans & communities! General Meetings resume in March and are the 3rd Thursday each month at 7:30pm. We encourage members to attend our regular meetings and take an active role in the future of our branch. Meetings are a great opportunity to stay informed, share ideas and support work we do for our veterans and community. We look forward to seeing you!

We extend a sincere thank you to the Kinmount & District Lions Club for their generous \$500 donation to Branch 441. We look forward to continue working together. Thank you for your generosity and everything you do for our community and organizations!



WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday Bid Euchre 1pm \$3

Wednesday Mixed Darts 7:30pm

**Friday Chair Yoga 10-11 am
Resumes Friday January 9.**

**Bingo 6:45pm Doors open 5pm
Resumes Friday January 9**

**Saturday Meat Draw 5pm
Doors open 3pm**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Karaoke 7:30 Sunday January 10

Ceaser Sunday January 18

**All You Can Eat Breakfast
8:30 - noon
Sunday January 25**



On behalf of the Kinmount Lions Club, Lion Peter Miller presents a donation to Branch 441 Legion President Ira Peters.



In the Lions Den by J.C. LaGrange

The 2025 Christmas season is over, and we have a few pictures from our Breakfast with Santa to share with you. Many Lions were unable to attend the breakfast, due to prior commitments or illness, and that included our usual photographers. We served 103 breakfasts and Santa heard from many good kids and even stayed longer to celebrate Christmas with everyone. Kinmount's Tree Lighting ceremony was well attended. Our members served hot chocolate and cookies. It was a cold night, but this tradition continues to warm the hearts of all who attended and shared their Christmas spirit and wishes. The Kinmount Lions Angel Trees have received many donations and 43 kids received presents because of your generosity. A great big thank you to all who support the Angel Tree program, your generosity and empathy is the definition of what the Christmas spirit represents, it warms our Lion hearts, and your example reenergizes us for the new year. We also thank and cheer for Kinmount Food Bank for facilitating the distribution of gifts to those who needed a helping hand. Bravo!

The Kinmount Lions hope the year 2026 will be full of happiness and opportunity. And if challenges come along, know that you can count on the Kinmount Lions Club to help, as they say "Where there's a need, there's a Lion". We thank in advance all of you who support us as we try to make our community and world better.

Join our Lions club and enjoy the good times, great food, and meaningful community service! Should you be interested in learning more about what we do, we invite you to come out to one of our dinner meetings and participate in one of our activities to determine if we are a good fit. Please feel free to contact Lion Linda Boulton at 705-879-5701 for more details. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm with our dinner meetings usually held on the 3rd Tuesday. We would love to meet you and work together to help our community. Always follow the Kinmount & District Lions Club Facebook page for more information on current and upcoming events.



The Lions Chefs



Kinmount Lions Dave Anderson and Vic Ballik



MPP Laurie Scott with Santa at the Kinmount Lions Breakfast with Santa held at the Kinmount Legion.



The Galwegians by Bill Lee

Happy New Year! All the best to you in 2026!

The Galway Hall weekly activities will continue throughout 2026. Tai Chi practice happens every Monday and Thursday, beginning at 10 am. Line Dancing continues every Wednesday, starting at 10 am. Euchre starts up again on Friday, January 2nd at 7 pm and continues every other Friday throughout the year. Check our Face Book page for all the upcoming events and activities throughout 2026. The Kinmount Agricultural Society is holding the first Annual General meeting of the new year at the Hall. It is at 7 pm on Friday, January 23rd. Looking ahead, the KCVMC annual fund-raising dinner/auction is booked for Saturday, April 25th. This will be their 29th year of holding this event.

For Galway Hall rental information or bookings, please call the Galway Hall's telephone number at 705 488-2831 and leave a message or email info@galwayhall.ca.

Was anyone tired of clearing the snow that fell way before the official start to winter? Even the Gazette deadline for the January edition was before the first day of winter.

If the trees in our area that survived hadn't already had enough stress from the Ice Storm of 2025, their boughs and branches were heavily laden with snow from these early winter storms. Clear Bay was completely frozen over as of early December. However, parts of Crystal Lake remain open, as of mid-December. An otter was photographed on a dock near 'The Narrows' recently. Two Trumpeter Swans were seen on the snow-covered ice of Clear Bay. One was standing while the other was on its belly - a curious sighting indeed.

Although Christmas is over for another year, did you know that the province of Ontario has the most number of Christmas tree farms in Canada? 418 farms to be exact!

You may be familiar with the names given for the recent generations. If not, here is a quick rundown: The Greatest Generation (1901-1927), The Silent Generation (1928-1945), Baby Boomers (1946-1964), Gen X (1965-1980), Gen Y (Millennials) 1981-1996, Gen Z (1997-2012), Gen Alpha (2013-2024), and Gen Beta (starting 2025). Now, there are two more terms used to describe generations. The first group is the "Sandwich Generation". It refers to middle-aged adults who

are sandwiched between caring for their aging parents and raising their own children. This dual care giving role often creates unique stressors, particularly financial and emotional. The second type is the "Club Sandwich Generation". This describes middle-aged adults (often 40s-60s) who are squeezed by care giving responsibilities for 3 or more generations- aging parents, their own children, and grandchildren (or even adult children returning home). This makes them 'sandwiched' by multiple dependent layers. Often, this more complex squeeze is driven by economic factors such as housing costs and longer life spans.

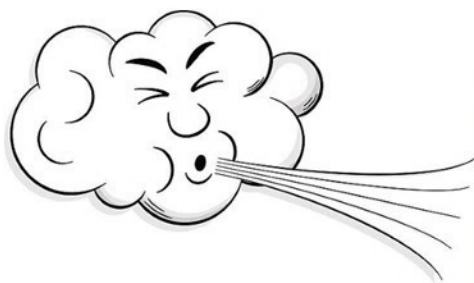
Merriam-Webster has chosen "Slop" as its word of the year for 2025. Slop refers to digital content of low quality that is produced usually in quantity by means of artificial intelligence (AI). "Rage-bait" is the Oxford University Press word of the year for 2025. Rage-bait refers to online content 'deliberately designed to elicit anger'. Apparently, anger fuels us.

Dick Van Dyke turned 100 years old on December 13th, 2025. Interestingly enough, when asked the usual questions about his keys to longevity, Dick replied that he avoided these two things: #1. Anger (the white heat kind and #2. Hate (the one thing that eats up a person's inside).

FYI: If you are planning on doing some interior painting this coming year, the color of the year for 2026 is called 'Cloud Dancer'.

Since the winter weather is already here and maybe going to stay, here is a weather lore quote that I heard recently which is one that I had not heard or read before:

"Wind is lazy! It would rather go through you than go around you."



Food Fanatic by M. Barkwell

Upside-Down Pizza Casserole

3/4 lb lean ground beef
3/4 bulk Italian sausage
1 1/2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
1 15oz can tomato sauce
1/4 cup sliced pitted ripe olives (optional)
1 to 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
1 13.8 pkg refrigerated pizza crust
Milk
Grated parmesan cheese
Your choice of toppings
Preheat oven to 400F. In a large skillet cook ground beef, sausage, and mushrooms over medium-high heat until meat is browned, breaking up as it cooks. Drain off fat. Stir in tomato sauce and, if desired, olives; heat through. Spread mixture in a 2-quart rectangular baking dish. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese.
Arrange pizza crust on top of hot mixture in dish. Fold under excess crust and press along edges of dish to seal. Cut several 1-inch slits in crust. Brush with milk and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.
Bake for 15 to 18 minutes or until crust is lightly browned.
Top with your choice of toppers.

Peanutty Granola Bars

Cooking spray
2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
1 cup unsalted, dry-roasted peanuts
1 cup sweetened coconut flakes
2/3 cup honey
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
3 tbsp canola oil
Preheat oven to 325F. Coat an 11x7 inch baking dish with cooking spray.
Combine oats, peanuts, and coconut on a 17 1/2" x 12 1/2" x 1" pan. Bake at 325F for 15 minutes or until lightly toasted. Transfer oat mixture to a large bowl.
Combine honey, peanut butter, and oil in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally; pour over oat mixture, stirring to coat. Pour mixture into prepared dish; place heavy-duty plastic wrap on surface of mixture, and press firmly to an even thickness.
Bake at 325F for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 1 hour or until completely cool; cut into 24 bars.

GALWAY HALL EVENTS EVERYONE WELCOME!

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The Happy Gardener by Lee Ann Hobson



In December we discovered "bottle gardens" as an interesting and decorative way of growing plants in our homes. The plants that thrived in this environment needed humidity and diffused light. This month we will explore the other end of the spectrum. Miniature rock or desert gardens.

The most suitable plants for miniature gardens are cacti and succulents. Cacti are quite common and there are many different varieties now available. When choosing a type of cacti try to find one whose growth habit is upright enough to not come in contact with the potting soil. Succulent type plants are not as well known. These plants have thick fleshy leaves and stems which allow them to store water. Well known succulent examples are aloe vera and jade plants. Both cacti and succulents have shallow root systems and natural water storing capabilities that allow them to thrive in your miniature rock garden.

The best type of pot should be shallow with low sides and have a flat bottom. It can be pottery or wood. Some great sources would be dollar and thrift stores.

The first layer in your new garden should be an inch or two of gravel.

This level depends on the depth of your pot. Next add a layer of cactus potting soil. This kind of soil is necessary because good drainage is a must. If adding decorative stones place them now so you may plan your plants around them. Next is your plants. Remember to place them according to their growing height and width requirements. Do not overwater. Place the garden in bright but not direct sunlight. Some gardeners add miniature people, animals, cars and trucks. Use your imagination and have fun.

On Saturday, April 22 the Kinmount Garden Club will be again be hosting a Seedy Saturday at the library. We would love to see you all.

Happy Gardening.



Garden Club

4th Thursday monthly
2 pm at Kinmount Library
ALL WELCOME!

Spot the Shot Recaptured

Last month's Spot the Shot:
On the stairs leading up to St. James Anglican Church on Crego Street in Kinmount.





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Kinmount Artisans Marketplace by Lynne Kilby

Happy New Year! Thank you for all your support this past year. We look forward to continue serving you and offering hand made items by our local artists and crafters along with antiques, collectibles and books by local authors. Your decision to shop local is greatly appreciated by our members and is a boost to our Kinmount economy. Thank you for stopping in to browse or make a purchase and for your many compliments and a great big thank you for supporting local.

We apologize if you stopped by on Sunday Dec. 28 and found the shop was closed. We planned to be open that day but an unexpected problem arose. We are now back to regular hours of to Friday to Sunday until summer hours begin. Visit our facebook page for updates.

Special thanks to member Wendy Michaud who once again volunteered to paint kids faces and apply temporary Christmas Tattoos at Christmas in the Village. Each child that came into the shop to find Kinny the Elf received a goody bags of candy and wood decorations to paint.



The winner of a lovely hand crafted prize in our Christmas Draw was Yvette Brauer. Congratulations!



WINTER HOURS

FRIDAY 11 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY 10 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM - 4 PM

Or By Chance or Appointment

A personal note: Sincere thanks & compliments to talented Marketplace Manager Darlene Mann, whom I commissioned to paint our dear pet Toto for a gift for my husband Paul Silver. Paul and I are both completely thrilled! The finished painting of Toto is below the photo on the right.

See more of Darlene's many creations in person at the Marketplace or at her studio on the 9th line just south of town or view her work virtually at her Cat's Sass Studio Facebook page.



A Sample of Wendy Michaud's work

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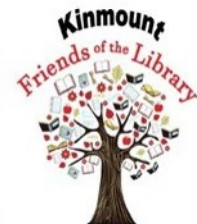
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Kids visit with Santa downstairs at Kinmount Legion before having lunch upstairs.

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All Aboard by Ron Claridge

Welcome Aboard.

Happy New Year! We had a great time displaying our portable layout at Kinmount Station during the Christmas in Kinmount festivities! We look forward to seeing you when we re-open on Victoria Day Weekend.

This article found online by Kevin Jackson Volunteer at Kinmount Model Railway.

Railway Line Comes to Life Haliburton County Echo August 30, 1994.

"A group of history buffs is building a model of the rail line between Kinmount & Haliburton. The Kinmount Model Railroad Club is literally taking chunks of the county's history and using it to recreate the Grand Trunk Rail Line that used to travel from Kinmount to Haliburton. With a pile of the black cinders that lie on the Kinmount station grounds, a few handfuls of roadside pebbles, and some sand, weeds and moss from anyone's backyard, the result is an authentically detailed model of the cross-section of land that passengers riding the train would have seen from the turn of the century until 1925. Robert Mitchell decided to start the project in January. With \$3,000 from the Kinmount Lions Club and some volunteer labor from train set tinkerers, the project is almost ready for its official public display at the Kinmount Fair September 2, 3, and 4. This year they have had enough time to build the line from Kinmount to Gelert. By next year they'll have all of it finished. For extra project funds, the Kinmount Lions Club sells \$25 sponsorships. Those who donate will see a plaque with their name on it fastened to the set. To work on a model of this nature requires teamwork from people who have a wide range of skills. At least this is what Henry Kunz has found. "You've got to be a carpenter, an electrician, a paint sculptor." Kunz is the scenery artist. For months he has been looking through historical literature, eyeing closely the way it used to be and thinking of ways to recreate it. A little bit of sand here, a few pebbles that look like riverside rocks in their proper proportion, and even the mossy areas around the river can add a great deal to the bed board set. And if you get your nose close enough to the track, you can even smell the oily creosote that the tiny railroad ties have been dipped in before assembly. Now that's not a detail just anyone would think of. Detail is extremely important when you're working with tiny parts of a whole. Even the small figures need to be dressed in period attire. This is Rosemary Buron's job. She takes each tiny plastic person and dresses them in overalls and aprons

with paint, making sure it speaks of the first 25 years of the 1900s. Her husband Walter made the miniature sawmill, making sure it's as close to an historical illustration as possible. It is amazing to peer into the mill through the opening and see sawdust scattered and lumber being piled — authenticity to the extreme. Bruce Stinson is working on some of the other buildings. Last week on site at the fairgrounds he was concentrating on the Northern Hotel. After he looked once again at an illustration, he decided it would have to be placed on an angle, so a road would pass it diagonally just as it did years ago. Doug Steven is painting the trains. With just a few motions of an air brush, he's able to turn a generic toy into a vintage Grand Trunk engine. Herman Forsma helps with the construction and works on the wiring of the outfit. Al MacIver and Austin Gleadhill have also volunteered their time to the project. The model was designed in 10 modules: Kinmount, Black's Rock, Howland Junction, "The Big Trestle," Gelert, Lochlin, Donald, Goulds, and two sections for Haliburton. And when it needs to be moved, all they need to do is fold down the legs, take out a few screws and unplug some wires. Then they can carefully travel with the model, so the club can set up displays wherever there is community interest. Mitchell says the club chose the 1900–1925 period because "that was a time when the railroad had its heyday, and there are enough people still living that can remember what it looked like." But whether or not you were in the area during this period or if you were even born yet, don't be surprised if you're impressed by the meticulous recreation you will see at the fair. Even Kunz, the man behind the design, didn't become a part of the community until 1987 when he retired from truck driving in Toronto. There's just something about being able to present history in a three-dimensional portrait that makes him want to do it 40 hours a week. You don't even have to ask them to give engines a trial run on the U-shaped track. Before you have a chance to suggest it, they've got those tiny wheels lined up on the tracks and for the next hour you're watching it chug by just one shift of the lever. When you see these proud team players at the fair, stand back and watch closely. Are they with the rest of the crowd, or is there a part of them in that engine, heading down the Grand Trunk Line in the year 1900?"



The Christmas Train on display at Kinmount Station & Model Railway

Letter to the Editor

Christmas in the Village on Dec. 6 was a great fun day in Kinmount.

Mike Penny and the firefighters had a really nice Campfire, toasting marshmallows and S'mores outside the train station!

A great breakfast and lunch at the Legion and the Model Railroad display in the station had a really cool Christmas train!

Thanks to everyone for such a great event for our children!

Cheers Kinmount!

Edward Dudman

The Display has come a long way since this 1994 article!



Ed and grandkids Alora and Ben on the Big Kinmount Chair outside the train station.



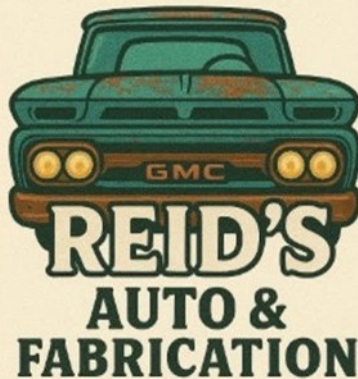
The Old Livery at Dickson & Crego Street

As a major road junction, Kinmount always contained at least one livery stable in the pre-motor car days.

A livery stable was the pioneer taxi station. They had horse & wagons for hire, or you could simply get a ride to your location. With Kinmount being a railway station, a lot of passengers arrived by rail that needed further transport to their destination. The livery stable provided that service. It also doubled as a blacksmith shop, but transportation remained its main business.

William Davis operated a livery stable at Crego & Dickson streets as early as 1880. Early town photos show a residence & a small stable. Later owners included John Getchell, Robert Mills, Frank Herlihey and James Simpson. Sometime around 1905 a large barn-like structure was built on the site dwarfing the surrounding structures. In 1918, James Simpson went into the livery business in the declining years of travel by horse. In 1930, Supertest gas

pumps were installed, and the business was reinvented as Simpson's Garage. The road corner was a dangerous blind corner with highway #503 (Monck Rd) passing tight to the corner of the old livery stable. In 1977 the Ministry of Transport took over the corner of the property and had the old livery stable demolished. Clarke Simpson moved the business to lot 12 on Main Street. The Simpson home (built in 1876 by Asial Crego) remained and the dangerous corner was fixed by demolition of the livery stable. The home still stands on the property along with Carson Reid's Auto & Fabrication.



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THE WOLF MOON Of January 3



ADVICE FROM THE MOON
Live life to the fullest - Be someone to look up to
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Light up the night!

Snapped



Kinmount resident Chris McConnell snapped a pic of this mink and writes the following:
"Stink eye or just mink eye?
What started as a cute moment with this mink, peeking out at me from behind foliage on a frozen marsh, ended up with a full tilt charge toward me - glad I was in my car! I took it as curiosity in the moment, but now that I see the face I'm not so sure."

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In October 2025, members of Kawartha and Libro Credit Unions voted in favour to merge to become one credit union. We are moving forward together as a stronger, more resilient credit union - one that can do even more for our members, employees and communities.

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Rest assured, the Kawartha brand you know and trust remains intact, including our three trees logo, which now features our new name.

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From the KDHSF by Sue Butts

Happy New Year everyone.

As the new year begins we want to draw everyone's attention to our Healthy Living Lunch and Learns.

We are committed to bringing educational topics to our communities.

It will be held the second Wednesday of the month at the Kinmount Legion, starting at noon.

We are kicking off with .

January 14 th Emergency Preparedness - Presented by Trent Lakes Fire Dept.

Meal - Chili and rolls with dessert

Cost is by donation.

February 11; Estate Planning , Presented by Kirsten Monk , Monk Funeral Home

Meal- Soup and Sandwich with dessert Cost is

Cost by donation..

We look forward to seeing everyone.

The KDHSF continues to be working on adding new Doctors and health care professional.

We need to keep the centre current and up to date.

If you haven't donated yet to our Christmas Appeal, I would like to draw your attention to our Christmas Appeal ad.

As always thank you for all your support throughout the year. Here's to Healthy Living.



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Healthy Living Lunch and Learn.

2nd Wednesday of the month.

January 14

Emergency Preparedness

Presenter-Trent Lakes Fire Dept. (confirmed)

Meal Chili and rolls and dessert.

February 11.

Estate Planning

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Meal: Soup and sandwich and dessert.

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The Construction of the Orillia Power Plant at Minden

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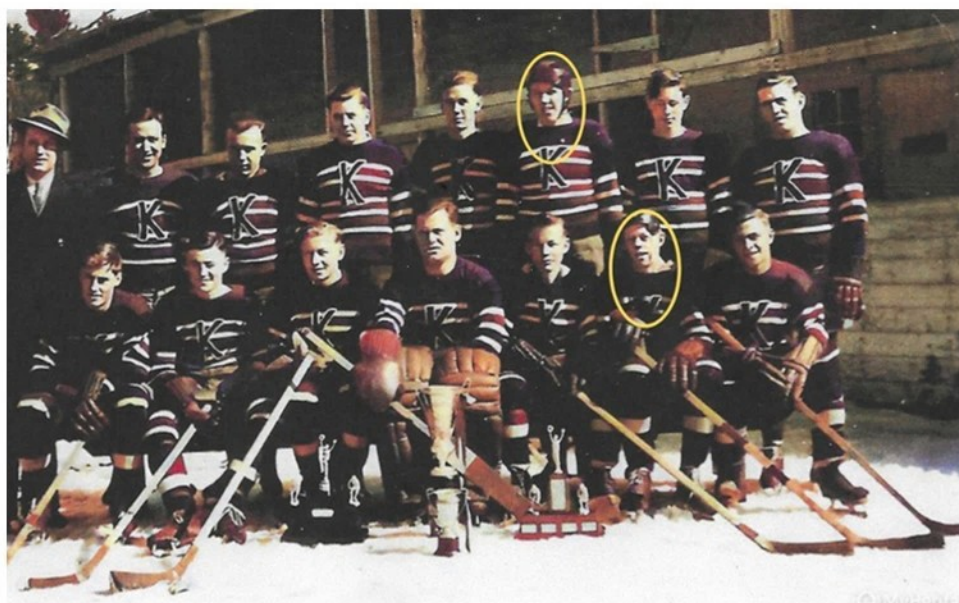
"The progress made by the contractors is most impressive. Everywhere there is evidence that they are thoroughly familiar with their job, and know just how to go about getting the best results. A large amount of equipment has been assembled on the site to facilitate the work. Two huge steel cranes raise their booms skyward and lift the buckets of earth and rock about like chips. Rails are being laid, along which the materials will be run into place in cars by a small steam engine. A huge mixing plant is under construction, so placed that the cranes can carry the cement to the dam and power house. It will be closed in to facilitate keeping the mixture warm with steam. Already materials are being assembled, including twenty tons of cement, stored in a building erected for the purpose. The office is in a house which was on the site, and was bought by the Commission, and which suits the purpose admirably. A large part of the earth excavation, both for the dam and power house has been done. It is hoped to get this completed before heavy frost sets in. The rock excavation and laying of cement, it was explained, can be done in cold weather, rather than the digging of earth. A begin-

ning is also being made in assembling gravel and sand for the cement work. These have been found in the vicinity, though there is not much suitable material available, but enough, fortunately, for the present work. There are about 150 men at work, including those engaged in constructing the road. Upwards of 100 of these are from Orillia. The crane operators, the dynamite gang, the foreman and a few others filling posts requiring experience are regular employees of the Dominion Construction Corporation. The majority of the men working on the road come from the vicinity of Minden, in accordance with the understanding. There are, the writer was assured, no other outsiders. The Town Council and Commission send a man over at intervals, to check up and see that this is the case. The men are doing very satisfactory work.

The men are quartered in bunk houses built beside the plant. There is a large dining hall, where excellent meals are served. The Packet and Times representatives can testify to this from personal experience. As to quality, quantity and variety, nothing better could be asked for. The cook, Joseph English, has been working for the Company, at intervals for twenty-eight years, and knows the busi-

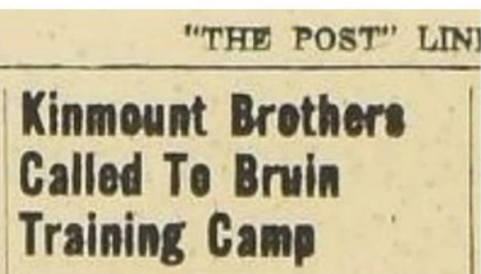


ness thoroughly. Every care is taken to keep the men healthy. The water, which is pumped up from the river into a stand pipe is chlorinated. A bath house has been built with shower baths and hot and cold water. Meantime work on the pole line is being pushed, under the superintendence of Mr. H. Caswell. Here forty or fifty men are employed, then majority are from Orillia, but about forty percent drawn from the townships through which the line passes. By acquiring right-of-ways across farms, the length of the line has been reduced about five miles to a total of 47 miles. This also voids turns and so reduces the cost of construction and in one stretch the line runs straight for nine miles. Through Mara the line follows the road. The work of cutting the right-of-way through the bush sections is now under way. Mr. Ernest Vavana is engaged in locating the poles. It is anticipated that the line will take six months to construct."



Tagalder Gardens behind Butt's Hotel, Main St E, Kinmount 1946

Back Row: Jack Thompson (Mgr & Coach), Dick Austin, Garland Barkwell, Clarke Simpson, John O'Toole, Ralph Phillips, Bill Austin, Bill Scott,
Front Row: Harry Austin, Ray Butler, Brock MacNamara, Bill Butts, Gerry Silver, Brandt Phillips, Clarence Hartin



Ralph and Brandt Phillips of Kinmount have received their call to report to the new Boston Bruin training camp at Sudbury, September 5th, 1946.

They will be given a try out for future Boston Bruins players, but will return to Galt for their Junior Hockey as they are holding junior contracts with Galt from last season.

Above article from
The Thursday Post
August 17 1949.





Around the Fire Hall by Katie Dukelow

As we move into a new year, it is a good time to pause, reflect, and reset. For Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue Service, January is always a time to look back at the previous year, review our statistics, and consider where our efforts need to be focused moving forward. Ontario Fire Marshal (OFM) data continues to show that the months from November to January experience the highest number of residential fire deaths. Locally, we see similar trends, particularly during the winter months when people are cooking more often, using additional heating sources, and spending more time indoors. Cooking remains the leading cause of residential fires, while careless smoking continues to be the leading cause of fatal fires across Ontario. These statistics serve as an important reminder that many fires are preventable with simple, consistent safety habits.

A new year also brings an opportunity for a fresh start. Fire safety is not just about prevention, it is also about being prepared when emergencies occur. As we reflect on 2025 and begin compiling statistics for our annual review, it is clear that we need to shift some of our focus toward emergency preparedness, both at a personal level and across the municipality. The past year was a real eye opener for emergency services and municipal departments throughout Kawartha Lakes. Severe weather events, prolonged power outages, and wildfire activity across Ontario highlighted how quickly everyday routines can be disrupted. These events reinforced the importance of residents having emergency plans, knowing how to access reliable information, and being prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. In the coming year, residents can expect to see an increased emphasis on emergency preparedness and wildfire readiness, including expanded public education through the FireSmart program. FireSmart offers guidance on reducing wildfire risk around homes and properties, particularly in

rural and interface communities like Kinmount. Simple actions such as clearing combustible materials, maintaining defensible space, and understanding evacuation readiness can significantly reduce risk. January also marks an important transition at the Kinmount Fire Station. After 47 years of dedicated service, Station Coordinator Jim Laver hung up his helmet. Jim's commitment to the station and the community has been greatly appreciated. We thank him for his leadership and service.

We now welcome Rick Willemssen as the new Station Coordinator for Station 18, and we look forward to his leadership in the years ahead.

As we move into the new year, we encourage you to test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, review home escape plans, and think about emergency preparedness. Fire safety and preparedness are shared responsibilities. Together we will keep building a safer, community. Cheers to a new year!



Jim Laver

After 47 years of dedicated service at COKL Fire Station 18, Kinmount resident Jim Laver retired.

Photo at Right: Jim Laver's Retirement

(From Left to Right) Michael Penny, Tim Dier, Talon Coughlin, Wayne Styles, Carson Reid, James Laver, Rick Willemssen, Jennifer Hathorn, Ed Dudman, and Deputy Chief Bignell.



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Jim was required to retire by COKL standards.



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The Library Link by Shannon Bain

What a great day at the Library at Christmas in the Village on Dec. 6! Everyone had the best of times!!

Happy New Year, Kinmount!!

What's on in January at Kinmount Library:
Storytime Tuesday, January 6 10:30 am to 11:00 am. Drop in for engaging stories, rhymes, songs, and fun!

Conversational Spanish – Every Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30pm. All levels welcome. Drop by and say *Hola!*
Beginner Ukulele – Every Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 pm. No experience necessary and the Kinmount branch has ukuleles on hand for those with no instrument. A great chance to try a new skill!

Adult Craft & Connect Tuesday January 13 2 to 3 pm
Create an inspiring vision board to help you reach your goals! Design a visual collage of encouraging images and motivational messages to help you reach your goals in areas such as health, career and relationships. All supplies provided. Registration required.
World Literacy Day – Saturday January 24th to Saturday Jan. 31
Family Literacy Day celebrated the importance of reading and engaging in literacy activities as a family. To help you join in the fun, pick up a free interactive activity booklet from any library branch between January 24 and 31. Discover fun ways to read, play and learn as a family! Supplies are limited, pick up yours while they last! Hope to see you at the library soon.

Friends of Kinmount Library by Lynne Kilby

Happy New Year Everyone!
Thank you to all who supported our Book Sales throughout 2025 whether through donations of books or purchases your support allows us to enhance services at the library.

We had such fun day at Christmas in the Village!
Winners of our Colouring Contest were Dylan and Clark. Both received Gift Certificates from Feast & Fusion.

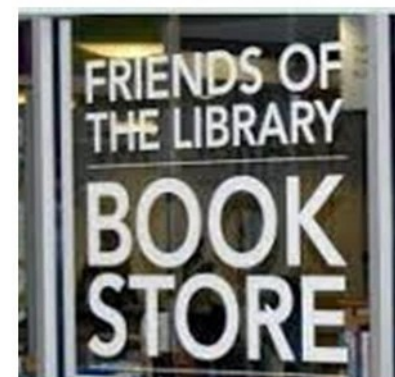
We gave a lot of kids free books in our Book Sale area downstairs. Some of their parents were very surprised at the books we had to offer. Our Book Sale that day was very successful.
Monthly Book Sales return to our usual schedule of the 3rd Saturday on January 17

Good news! We are having a Balloon Twisting event during March Break on Tuesday March 17 and Thank you to an anonymous donor who has covered the cost for an event we will host in July.

We are always looking for friends to join our group and students who need community hours. Speak to Shannon for info and watch our facebook page.



Looking for *Kinny the Elf* at the Library.



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Councillor's Corner by Pat Warren Ward 2



I wish everyone a very happy 2026 and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. Here are the gravel roads being resurfaced in 2026 in Ward 2.

Hugill Rd. - East End to 0.6 Km East of Baseline Rd.
Martin's Rd. - CKL Rd. 8 to CKL Rd. 37,
\$73,000

Crego Lake Rd. - Monck Rd. to 0.7 Km North of Monck Rd.

\$13,000.00

Hyer Line - CKL Rd. 37 to 1.2 Km North of CKL Rd. 37

\$25,000.00

Oliver's Rd. - Anderson Line to Irwin's Rd.

\$78,000.00

Pinery Rd. - Somerville 11th Concession to Monck Rd.

\$66,000.00

Somerville 2nd Concession - Ledge Hill Rd. to East End

\$4,000.00

Somerville 3rd Concession - CKL Rd. 121 to Ledge Hill Rd.

\$47,000.00

Woodcock Line - Monck Rd. to South End

\$58,000.00 \$228,000.00

The final tax rate ended up to be 5.9% as there were many costs due to the ice storm and the fires. Staff also need to find 7.7 million in savings in the year ahead.

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Kinmount Heritage Centre & Museum: News Reporting *by Janice Stange*

Who would believe that, before the Gazette started on April 1 2009, there was never a periodical publication originating in Kinmount? The village, even in its boom era, relied on weekly coverage of events and activities from neighbouring villages and towns like Minden (Echo, Progress), Fenelon Falls (Gazette), Bobcaygeon (Independent), and even Lindsay (the Posts), and Peterborough (Examiner). It does seem like the bigger the 'crime' the more expansive the coverage, and to make the front page of a Peterborough paper, that was the ultimate!!

Here are some samples of the reporting. We likely don't have to tell you this, but there's a website on the internet called Internet Archive. It's a great free resource for finding news items and reports on old family, neighbours and other movers and shakers!! The link to check it out is archive.org. After you find and pick 'newspapers', to access the local records, try a metadata search for Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton Highlands or Peterborough Examiner. Then you can search text within those for any name or subject you like from the local newspapers that they've uploaded to the site! Or you can even narrow it down by years to reduce your search time. Things we've found while searching are car accidents, arrests, accidental deaths, big fish, obituaries weddings and other socials (not like today's meaning of 'socials', but maybe related.....).

The Trent Lakes Historical Society will be running workshops in 2026 and 2027 to help you round out your quest with not only newspapers, but land records, census records, cemeteries and even Artificial Intelligence! Stay tuned to our FB pages (Trent Lakes Historical Society, Kinmount Heritage Centre & Museum) and trentlakesheritage.ca

kinmount klippings

The Kinmount Playschool has got off to a very successful start this year and would like to extend their thanks to the following businesses who helped contribute to that

Auto Body and 3rd prize to Peggy Stender, "Smoke

Detector" donated by Canadian Lumber.

success: Scott's I.G.A., Five to Dollar Store, Dettman's, Kinvale Inn, The Chipwagon, Wilson's Electric, Taylor's Esso and T.J.'s Variety. Thanks are also extended to all participating families and friends.

Kinmount Playschool is having a "Child's Play Presentation" on November 24, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Hall in Kinmount. Ideas for Christmas - door prizes - refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Congratulations to Mary Snodden who won first prize "Handmade Quilt" made by Lila Shaw; 2nd prize to Judy Hartin, "Ceramic Christmas Tree" donated by Newman's

Birthday wishes are extended to Joe Crego and Dave Hartin, both celebrating on the 9th of November. Also to Laura Abela who turned 17 on November 10.

Minden County Echo November 17 1982

DROWNING AT KINMOUNT

YOUNG LAD FELL OUT OF STABLE WINDOW INTO DEEP WATER.

Second time Father has been Bereaved in Three Years.

A sad drowning accident happened at Kinmount last night about 6 o'clock, the four year-old son of Mr. Chas Cole, harnessmaker, being the victim. The little fellow got into the loft of the Dettman house stable unnoticed and fell out of the door into the Burnt River. The body was recovered in about ten feet of water shortly after, but life was extinct. This is the second child Mr. Cole has lost by drowning within the last three years.

Mr. Cole is a brother of Mr. Malcolm Cole, grocer, town.

August 20, 1903 The Evening Post Lindsay

Burnt River Yields Up Big Pickerel

Hooked by a "Cliscoe" bait used in the Burnt River by Garland Barkwell of Kinmount, a huge Pickerel put up a terrific battle until finally landed in a boat used by Mr. Barkwell and his partner, Jesse Chalmers, also of Kinmount.

The fisherman brought their prize to Wallace Scott, Game and Fish Overseer at Kinmount, to be weighed. Its weight was 10½ lbs., and its length was 31½ inches. It was really a beautiful fish and is being entered in some of the "big fish" contests.

Garland Barkwell lands a big one! August 3 1949

BLAZE AT KINMOUNT

Puley & Joy's Flour Mill Destroyed — Loss About \$7000.

About 12 o'clock Monday night fire broke out in Messrs. Puley & Joy's flour mill at Kinmount, and in a few minutes the whole building was a mass of flames. The alarm was quickly sounded and the citizens of the village turned out in large numbers. They formed a bucket brigade, but the fire was too fierce to permit of it being restrained, so they turned their attention to saving the adjoining property. The mill, together with the plant, was totally destroyed.

Messrs. Puley & Joy commenced in the milling business in Kinmount about three years ago. They erected a fine three storey building on the Burnt River opposite Messrs. Craig & Austin's lumber mill, and had worked up a good trade. Their loss will be \$6,000 or \$7,000, but we understand there is insurance to the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Puley, one of the firm, is at present in the Northwest, having gone there a couple of weeks ago.

August 20, 1903 The Evening Post Lindsay





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From the Editor's Desk by Guy Scott

The coming year is the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion in Canada. The original name for the veterans organization was the British Empire Service League. Canada was still very much a part of the British Empire in 1925. The term "Commonwealth" did not come along until 1931. In 1926 the name was changed to "Royal Canadian" by act of Parliament. The organization was open to veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, Police Forces and their children. The member ship was later opened to children and grandchildren of the above and any Canadian children. Branches were set up in almost every Canadian community, but were strongest in the smaller communities. Their goals were to fundraising for local community organizations and events. Most eventually added halls for events. These halls were well used for a host of events and still are! The Legion branches also kept the local cenotaphs and held Remembrance Day services. The Legions had a huge influx of members after the Second World War. But gradually the number of members has declined as WW II veterans have passed on. An interesting study on the role of Legions revealed that many suffered PTSD after the world wars and the best way to deal with this issue was to meet with fellow veterans. The Legion became a place where this action among fellow veterans was possible. My grandfather was a WW I vet who met with his comrades regularly in their kitchens for tea and talk. As a young boy, they really did not want to tell me stories about the War. But I could play "fly on the

Spot the Shot



Each edition we feature a photo from the Kinmount Area. We challenge you to identify the spot. Submissions of photos welcome. Please submit to the editor via email with a detailed description of the spot you have captured.

Last month's Spot the Shot: The stairs leading up to St James Anglican Church on Crego Street in Kinmount

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wall" and listen to them talk to each other. It was a fascinating peek into their experiences and the history of WW I. The veterans of WW I are long gone, but hopefully some of their stories live on. My grandmother always said the best stories were in the cemetery! The Kinmount branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was started in 1946 after a flood of WW II veterans returned home. They needed a site to build their headquarters. Somerville Township was still a "dry Township (it still is today!). But Galway Township was "wet" (bar rooms were still allowed). The current site of the Legion had been the site of the Kinmount School. But after the big school was built across the road, the old school was changed into several apartments. This building fit the criteria: it was in Galway and so it was legal to host a "club house". But several citizens complained it was too close to the school. A compromise was reached when the Legion promised to not open liquor sales until 4:00 pm, after the school closed! The old school was renovated for opening by 1947, but it was clear the building was not suitable for the active Legion branch. A new building was started and was finished by 1957. The financial side was given a huge boost by local residents and the two lumber yards (Phillips and Austins). The mortgage burning was held in 1966: a mere 10 years later! It has been in operation for 60 years in 2026: another milestone! Congratulations to all the members who have worked so hard over the years to make the RCL Branch #441 a success! GS



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